

Dec. 31, 2022, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the repeal of section 1599e of title 10, provided that paragraph (1) of this section is amended by striking out “, except as provided in section 1599e of title 10,”. See 2021 Amendment note below.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7501, Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 527, related to removal or suspension without pay of an individual in the competitive service and procedures applicable to such removal or suspension, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 95-454, §204(a).

AMENDMENTS

2021—Par. (1). Pub. L. 117-81 struck out “, except as provided in section 1599e of title 10,” after “initial appointment or,”.

2015—Par. (1). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “or, except as provided in section 1599e of title 10, who” for “or who”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

For repeal of section 1599e of title 10, effective Dec. 31, 2022, which effective date is applied to the amendment by Pub. L. 117-81 to this section to reflect the probable intent of Congress, see Effective Date of Repeal note under section 1599e of Title 10, Armed Forces.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-376, §1, Aug. 17, 1990, 104 Stat. 461, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 4303, 7511, and 7701 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 4303 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Civil Service Due Process Amendments’.”

§ 7502. Actions covered

This subchapter applies to a suspension for 14 days or less, but does not apply to a suspension under section 7521 or 7532 of this title or any action initiated under section 1215 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title II, §204(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1135; amended Pub. L. 101-12, §9(a)(2), Apr. 10, 1989, 103 Stat. 35.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-12 substituted “1215” for “1206”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-12 effective 90 days following Apr. 10, 1989, see section 11 of Pub. L. 101-12, set out as a note under section 1201 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

§ 7503. Cause and procedure

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, an employee may be

suspended for 14 days or less for such cause as will promote the efficiency of the service (including discourteous conduct to the public confirmed by an immediate supervisor’s report of four such instances within any one-year period or any other pattern of discourteous conduct).

(b) An employee against whom a suspension for 14 days or less is proposed is entitled to—

(1) an advance written notice stating the specific reasons for the proposed action;

(2) a reasonable time to answer orally and in writing and to furnish affidavits and other documentary evidence in support of the answer;

(3) be represented by an attorney or other representative; and

(4) a written decision and the specific reasons therefor at the earliest practicable date.

(c) Copies of the notice of proposed action, the answer of the employee if written, a summary thereof if made orally, the notice of decision and reasons therefor, and any order effecting¹ the suspension, together with any supporting material, shall be maintained by the agency and shall be furnished to the Merit Systems Protection Board upon its request and to the employee affected upon the employee’s request.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title II, §204(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1135.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as an Effective Date of 1978 Amendment note under section 1101 of this title.

INFORMATION ON APPEAL RIGHTS

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1097(b)(2), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1617, provided that:

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any notice provided to an employee under section 7503(b)(1), section 7513(b)(1), or section 7543(b)(1) of title 5, United States Code, shall include detailed information with respect to—

“(i) the right of the employee to appeal an action brought under the applicable section;

“(ii) the forums in which the employee may file an appeal described in clause (i); and

“(iii) any limitations on the rights of the employee that would apply because of the forum in which the employee decides to file an appeal.

“(B) DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION.—The information described in subparagraph (A) shall be developed by the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, in consultation with the Special Counsel, the Merit Systems Protection Board, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.”

§ 7504. Regulations

The Office of Personnel Management may prescribe regulations to carry out the purpose of this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title II, §204(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1135.)

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EFFECTIVE DATE

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¹ So in original. Probably should be “affecting”.